

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of Sunset Beach has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Sub-Applicant:** Town of Sunset Beach

**Project Title:** 163850-Beach Access Walkway Repairs; PA-04-NC-4568-PW-00085

**Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
(4) adjacent beach Access Walkways	At end of 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, 10 <sup>th</sup> Street, 11 <sup>th</sup> Street, 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, at beach entrance.	33.869026	-78.499166	2011

**Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is for in-kind repairs to (4) beach access wooden walkways in the Town of Sunset Beach. All work is located in a **VE Flood Zone**. Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by the Brunswick County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: #3720105400K, dated 08/28/2018. The completed work conforms to all applicable State of North Carolina and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the **VE Flood Zone**. The completed work will take place in wetlands (estuarine and marine wetlands) per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The Town of Sunset Beach has completed removal and replacement of decking boards for (4) wooden walkways for proper beach access, recreation, and fishing along beach access frontage. All walkways are adjacent to one another. Due to the necessary construction method of the beach access walkways, any alternative measures to restoring the facility in-kind would potentially

disrupt this environmentally sensitive area (VE Coastal High Hazard Zone and Estuarine Wetland). The facility also facilitates recreation and fishing in the Town of Sunset Beach, is functionally dependent, and repairing in-kind has not disrupted floodplain nor wetland values. As such, no adverse impacts to the floodplain or wetland should occur.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1** (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on recreation and fishing in the Town of Sunset Beach, which could negatively impact economic and social values.

**Alternative #2** (Relocation or alternative actions): Relocating the facility would not be feasible due to the beach access walkways being functionally dependent upon the location at the crossing of sand dunes and entrance to the beach. Alternative actions may disrupt this environmentally sensitive area. Relocation or alternative actions could cause adverse economic and social impacts.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer  
FEMA Region 4  
3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: [FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line [DR-4568-NC-00085 11988 COMMENT].

All comments are due by no later than 30 days of the posted date of this notice.

**POSTED ON:** 2/23/2021

**End of Notice**